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## **TWC Announces Texas HireAbility Campaign**

Events Scheduled in October for National Disability Employment Awareness Month

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has partnered with the <u>Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities</u> and <u>Texas Workforce Solutions</u> to launch the Texas HireAbility campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. The campaign is launched in conjunction with <u>National Disability Employment Awareness Month</u> to highlight the contributions of people with disabilities in the workforce. Governor Greg Abbott has issued a <u>proclamation</u> for Disability Employment Awareness Month in Texas. The Texas HireAbility campaign will feature statewide events and resources for employers and jobseekers with disabilities.

"We are proud to kick off the Texas HireAbility campaign to connect the significant skills and abilities of people with disabilities with opportunities created by Texas employers," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Through this campaign, employers will better connect to these valuable workers to meet their workforce needs."

Texas HireAbility resources for employers will include a Workplace Accessibility Webinar which employers can access on-demand from the <u>Texas HireAbility website</u> in early October. TWC will also connect employers to resources on recruiting, hiring and retaining employees with disabilities through the <u>TWC Solutions blog</u> and other social media channels.

"Employers are always looking for innovative ways to expand their businesses by hiring skilled workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "Through the Texas HireAbility campaign, employers will have access to additional resources to help them connect with this segment of the workforce."

As part of the campaign's launch in October, TWC will partner with Texas Workforce Solutions offices across the state to promote job and hiring fairs to connect Texas employers with job-seekers with disabilities. These events will be ongoing and will provide opportunities for employers to receive resumes and applications, as well as conduct onsite or post-event interviews. TWC will also partner to support events to help employers learn more about recruiting, hiring and retaining employees with disabilities.

"Employers move to Texas because of our strong and diverse workforce," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "I encourage all Texans to celebrate the contributions of workers with disabilities and to support Texas' commitment to workforce diversity this October and beyond."

For a full schedule of events and to learn more about National Disability Employment Awareness Month, visit TXHireAbility.texasworkforce.org.

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